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Executive Secretary

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Dear Les:

Just a note to express my appreciation for the statement you made on the floor of the House concerning the Central Intelligence Agency. I feel that your statement will do much to straighten out the record which has become badly distorted to the detriment of CIA because of some totally inaccurate and unfortunate statements made in speeches and articles by a few individuals, including some members of Congress.

Your remarks were most helpful not only with respect to the record, but also in connection with the morale of the organization for, as you know, we are all human and hence boil under unfair criticism which we cannot, for obvious reasons, answer.

I hope that the snow is gone for good and that we will have a chance to get together at Burning Tree.

Warm personal regards,

Signed

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Director

Honorable Leslie C. Arends
The House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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